DR. S. JOHN :

Trained female Nurses	...	77 + 5 temporary = 82
Male Nurses	...	17
Sick Nurses	...	30 + 10 temporary = 40

There are in addition three staff nurses, 35 European Nursing Sisters and 8 Indian Nursing Sisters also employed in the Nursing staff of the Medical Department.

Money realised from patients in Government hospitals and dispensaries.

152. * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total amount of money realised from the patients in Government hospitals and dispensaries as the price of medicines in the years 1117 and 1118 respectively ; and

(*b*) the total amount of money spent by Government for purchasing medicines for use in the Government hospitals and dispensaries during the years 1117 and 1118 respectively ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) The price of the medicines given to patients is not realised from them ; only a nominal fee is realised.

The amounts thus realised are :—

Year.		Rs.
1117	...	6,967
1118	...	16,789

(*b*) The amounts spent for purchase of medicines and instruments are :—

Year.		Rs.
1117	...	2,44,885
1118	..	3,01,322

Visit of the Director General of Medical Services of the Government of India to Travancore.

153. * MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any visit was made to Travancore in 1119 by Major General Hance, the Director General of Medical Services to the Government of India ;

(*b*) whether he visited the General Hospital and the Hospital for Women and Children ;

(*c*) whether he has expressed any written opinion on the conditions of hospitals in the State of Travancore as a whole and particularly the General Hospital ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they would be pleased to place a copy of his opinion on the table ?

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DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He has not made any special report nor expressed any formal opinion on the condition of any hospitals in the State.

(*d*) The question does not arise.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether he has given any informal expression of his view or whether he has made any report not of a special nature?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not understand the question.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know whether he has given any informal expression of his view or whether he has made any report not of a special nature. The answer says 'He has not made any special report nor expressed any formal opinion on the condition of any hospitals in the State.'

DR. S. JOHN: He has given neither.

PRESIDENT: All that happened was that the Director General of Medical Services, an old friend of mine, came on a visit to this State. He visited the hospitals and sent a private letter to me marked 'Private and Confidential' and stated that in his opinion certain reforms were necessary. It is ultimately in pursuance of that suggestion that further steps are being taken for the improvement of certain hospitals in the State. It is a private letter between two friends and not a report.

Division Committees for advising improvements to public markets in the State.

154. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that a statement was made on the floor of the Sri Mulam Assembly during the last Budget Session regarding the constitution of Division Committees for advising the Government on questions of improvements of public markets in the State; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the steps taken in the matter?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Steps have already been taken to constitute a Market Committee for each Division with the Division Peishkar as Chairman, the Tahsildar of the Division Headquarters as convener and one member of the Sri Chitra State Council and two members of the Sri Mulam Assembly as members of the Committee.

Tarisu land in Manjapra pakuthi.

155. ***MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any tarisu land belonging to Government in Survey 60/1 of Manjapra pakuthi in Kunnatnad taluk; and

(*b*) if so, its acreage?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 921 acres and 62 cents.

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